invention;

Figures 4(a) and 4(b) are schematic side views illustrating the response of the fastener of Figure 3 to longitudinal compression and tension respectively;

Figures 5(a) to 5(f) diagrammatically illustrate a series of steps in applying the fastener of Figure 3 to an umbilical line;

Figure 6 is a schematic plan view of a harness for use with the invention;

Figure 7 is a schematic plan view of an adhesive tab for use with the invention;

Figure 8 is a schematic perspective view of the adhesive tab of Figure 7 and the fastener of Figure 3 in use together on a patient;

Figure 9 is a schematic perspective view of a collar employing the invention to secure an endotracheal tube to a patient instead of the cable tie or suture used previously as in Figure 2;

Figures 10(a), 10(b) and 10(c) are schematic perspective views of a sleeve and biasing means forming part of the collar shown in Figure 9;

Figures 11(a) and 11(b) are schematic perspective views of an embodiment of the invention employing an adhesive pad and including biasing means on the pad acting on the sleeve, Figure 11(a) showing the fastener in isolation and Figure 11(b) showing the fastener in use attaching a catheter or drain to a patient;

Figure 12 is a schematic perspective view of an embodiment corresponding to that illustrated in Figure 11(a) but without the biasing means;

Figure 13 is a schematic perspective view akin to the embodiment of Figure 11(a) but with the adhesive pad replaced by an annular flare or flange of material for suturing the